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In the specification

On page 3, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 2 as follows:

Certain video (e.g., television) systems, including scrambling systems, pass data, either in the clear or encrypted, in the vertical blanking interval of the video signal. (This data is usually not a part of the video image or necessary for the video image.) For an example, see eo pending and commonly owned U.S. Patent application to Ryan, et al., "Method and Apparatus for Scrambling a High Definition Television Signal," S.N. __________, filed January 14, 2000, Attorney Docket No. M-8137 US., to Ryan, et al., "Method and Apparatus for Scrambling a High Definition Television Signal," U.S. Patent No. 6,542,609, issued April 1, 2003, incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

